

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Endowments Department – Allegations under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 against Sri N.Venkateswara Rao, Executive Officer, Baligattam Group of Temples, Narsipatnam Mandal, Visakhapatnam District – Trapped by ACB officials on 22.06.2017 – Departmental proceedings initiated under Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Articles of Charges framed – Written Statement of Defence submitted – Appointment of Inquiry Authority and Presenting Officer – Orders -Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VII) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1447

Dated: 24-11-2025

Read the following:

1. From the Director General, ACB, Lr.Rc.No.94/RCT-WVP/2017-S-II, dated 03.08.2017 & 28.09.2018.
2. G.O.Rt.No.240, Revenue (Vigilance-VII) Department, dated.10.03.2023.
3. From the Commissioner, Endowments Department, Lr.Rc.No.V2/20022/2/2017, dated 24.05.2025, enclosing the Written Statement of Defence of the Charged Officer.

ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, it was brought to the notice of the Government that Sri N.Venkateswara Rao, Executive Officer, Baligattam Group of Temples, Narsipatnam Mandal, Visakhapatnam District, was trapped by the ACB officials on 22.06.2017 while demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs.10,000/- from the complainant, Sri D. Eswara Rao, Gosala Warder, Baligattam Village, Narsipatnam, Visakhapatnam District, for doing an official favour, i.e., for enhancement of remuneration from Rs.4,000/- to Rs.6,000/- per month for maintenance of Gosala and issue of cheque worth Rs.16,000/-.

2. The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, after detailed investigation, recommended prosecution of the Accused Officer (AO) in a Court of Law under Sections 7 and 13(2) read with 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, and also recommended initiation of departmental disciplinary action for violation of Rules 3(1) & 3(2) read with Rule 9(8)(a) of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

3. And whereas, the Government, after examination of the matter, accepted the recommendations of the Director General, ACB, and issued orders framing Articles of Charges against the said officer vide 2nd read above, duly directing the officer to submit his Written Statement of Defence (WSD).

4. The Commissioner, Endowments Department, in the reference 3rd read above, has furnished the WSD of the Charged Officer, Sri N.Venkateswara Rao, in which the officer has denied the charges and requested for dropping of further action.

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5. Now, whereas, it is considered necessary that a Regular Inquiry be conducted into the charges framed against the Charged Officer under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991, and that a Presenting Officer be appointed to present the case on behalf of the disciplinary Authority before the Inquiry Authority.

6. Now, therefore, the Government, in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-rule (2) of Rule 20 of the said Rules, the Government hereby appoints Smt.N.Sujatha, Deputy Commissioner, Endowments Department, Visakhapatnam, as the Inquiry Authority to inquire into the charges framed against Sri N.Venkateswara Rao, Executive Officer, Baligattam Group of Temples, Narsipatnam Mandal, Visakhapatnam District. The Inquiry Authority shall complete the inquiry and submit a detailed report to Government within two (2) months, duly attested in duplicate.

7. Further, in exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 20(5)(c) of the said Rules, the Government hereby appoints Sri B. Vijaya Kumar, Inspector of Police, ACB, Visakhapatnam, as the Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry Authority on behalf of the Disciplinary Authority. Copies of the Articles of Charges and the Written Statement of Defence submitted by the Charged Officer are enclosed herewith.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**DR. M.HARI JAWAHARLAL,
EX. OFFICIO SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

Smt. N. Sujatha, Deputy Commissioner, Endowments Department,
Visakhapatnam & Inquiry Officer (through the Commissioner, Endowments
Department).

Sri B. Vijaya Kumar, Inspector of Police, ACB, Visakhapatnam (through the
Director General, ACB, A.P., Vijayawada).

The Commissioner, Endowments Department, A.P., Gollapudi.

Sri N.Venkateswara Rao, Executive Officer, Baligattam Group of Temples,
Narsipatnam Mandal, Visakhapatnam District (through the Commissioner,
Endowments Department, A.P., Gollapudi).

Copy to:

The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada- for information.

The Secretary to the Vigilance Commissioner, A.P. Vigilance Commission,
A.P. Secretariat for information.

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SECTION OFFICER